



PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket: 15436,249.1.2.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ping Xie

Serial No.:

09/944,593

) Art Unit  
) 2811

Filed:

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For:

COMPACT POLARIZATION INSENSITIVE  
CIRCULATORS WITH SIMPLIFIED  
STRUCTURE AND LOW POLARIZATION  
MODE DISPERSION

Examiner:

Lee A. Fineman

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, in the above-identified patent application be extended for Two-month until April 6, 2004.

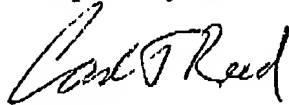
Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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